Gurung language

Gurung (also *Tamu Kyi*, ཏྟཾ་གི :तमु क्यी) is spoken by the Gurung people. The total number of all Gurung speakers in Nepal was 227,918 (1991 census). There is no distinction between Gurung as an ethnic group and the number of people who speak the language.

Nepali, Nepal's official language, is an Indo-European language, whereas Gurung is a Sino-Tibetan language.

Gurung	
Tamu Kyi	
Native to	Nepal
Ethnicity	Gurung people
Native speakers	360,000 (2001)[1]
Language family	Sino-Tibetan • Tamangic • **Gurung**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	gvr
Glottolog	guru1261 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/guru1261)[2]

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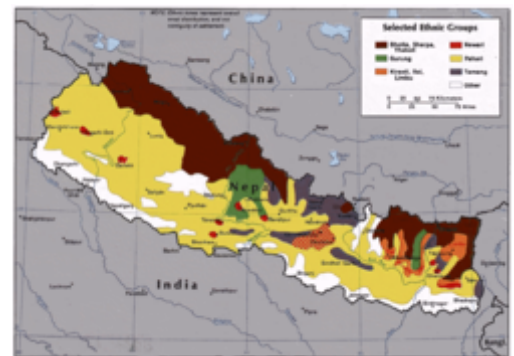
Gurung is spoken in the following districts of Nepal (*Ethnologue*):

- Gandaki Zone: Kaski District, Syangja District, Lamjung District, Tanahu District, Gorkha District, Manang District and Mustang
- Dhawalagiri Zone: Parbat district

Grammar

Some miscellaneous grammatical features of the Gurung languages are:

- SOV
- Postpositions
- Genitives
- Adjectives relatives before noun heads
- numerals after noun heads
- Rising intonation in bipolar questions
- 1 prefix on negative verbs
- Maximum number of suffixes 3
- case of noun phrase shown by preposition
- No subject or object referencing in verbs

Selected ethnic groups of Nepal; Bhotia, Sherpa, Thakali, Gurung, Kiranti, Rai, Limbu, Nepal Bhasa, Pahari, Tamang (note that Kulu Rodu (Kulung) territories are mistakenly marked as Tamu/Gurung territories in this map)

- split ergative system according to tense
- Causatives
- Benefactives
- CV, CCV, CCCV

Phonetically, Gurung languages are tonal.

See also

- Languages of Nepal
- Languages of Bhutan
- Manang Language Project of Kristine A. Hildebrandt (https://mananglanguages.isg.siue.edu/)
- [1] (https://audio-video.shanti.virginia.edu/collection/manange)Manang (https://audio-video.shanti.virginia.edu/collection/western-gurung) Language Archive at the University of Virginia Tibetan and Himalayan Library (http://www.thlib.org/)

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